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**BETTING AT MANCHESTER.**—Tuesday.

There was but a small attendance this afternoon, and betting on future events was exceedingly limited. For the Ebor Handicap, Welcome and East Lancashire were each backed at 4 to 1, the former being the best favourite for money at the finish. Closing prices:—

THE EBOR HANDICAP	
4 to 1 agst Welcome (t)	9 to 2 agst Highflyer's dam colt (t)
4 to 1 ... East Lancashire (t and off)	40 to 1 ... Despair (t)
9 to 2 ... Raglan (t)	

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Mr. Mountain Doe, by Mountain Deer—Antelope, 3 yrs.	1
12lb	1
Prince D's Sallowkoff's Nebuchadnezzar, 3 yrs.	1
Mr. Brady's W. A. Sallowkoff's Nebuchadnezzar, 3 yrs.	1
Mr. Longworth's Tresason, 3 yrs.	1
Mr. P. P. Farr's Langholm, 3 yrs.	1
No heaving. Won't heave.	1
Two lengths between second and third.	1
Three lengths between second and third.	1
Four lengths between second and third.	1
Five lengths between second and third.	1
Six lengths between second and third.	1
Seven lengths between second and third.	1
Eight lengths between second and third.	1
Nine lengths between second and third.	1
Ten lengths between second and third.	1
Eleven lengths between second and third.	1
Twelve lengths between second and third.	1
Thirteen lengths between second and third.	1
Fourteen lengths between second and third.	1
Fifteen lengths between second and third.	1
Sixteen lengths between second and third.	1
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Eighteen lengths between second and third.	1
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Mr T Parr's Langholm, 3 yrs, 8st 7lb ..... Light  
First heat—Won by eight lengths. Langholm was left at the post. Second  
heat—Avoncliffe walked over.

WEDNESDAY.

The LICENSED VICTUALLERS' PLATE of 50 SOVS, added to a sweepstakes of  
SOVS each. Two miles.

Mr T Parr's Moose, by Mountain Doe—Constance, 4 yrs.....Healop 1  
Mr Porter's Mountain Doe, 4 yrs, 8st 9lb ..... Kelly 2

No betting. Won by two lengths.  
**THE NURSERY PLATE (Handicap)** of 50 sovs. Three-quarters of a mile.  
 Mr I Woolcot's f b Newminster—British Queen, 7st 2lb..... Dowling 1  
 Captain King's Belle of Kers, 8st 5lb..... J Mann 2  
 No betting. Won by half a length.  
**HER MAJESTY'S VASE (Handicap)**, value 100 guineas. About three miles.  
 Mr Wetherbit—Remedy, 4 yrs, 10st 10lb..... Wetherbit 1  
 Mr I Woolcot's f b Newminster—British Queen, 7st 2lb..... Dowling 2

Prince D. Soltykoff's Doune, by weather	1st	1st
10st 5lb	1st	1st
General Holloway's Hartley, 3 yrs, 9st 2lb	1st	1st
Mr O Cannon's Dauntless, 6 yrs, 10st 4lb	1st	1st
Mr Brayley's Rappel, 3 yrs, 10st 3lb (inc 7lb extra)	1st	1st
Mr Carlisle's Allow Me, 4 yrs, 11st	1st	1st

Mr J Ward's Spitfire Kuty, 4 yrs, 11st ..... Falconer  
Mr Harvey's Burgess, 4 yrs, 10st 5lb .....  
Betting: 2 to 1 agst Rapp, 5 to 2 agst Burgess, 3 to 1 agst Douche.  
in a canter by eight lengths; two lengths between second and third; and  
between third and fourth.  
THE COUNTY MEMBERS' PLATE of 25 rovs, added to a sweepstakes of 5  
..... and a distance.

Mr T Parr's Moose, 4 yrs, 1st 12lb ..... Mr Parr  
 Prince D Soltykoff's Nebuchadnezzar, 4 yrs, 1st 7lb ..... Mr Seppell  
 Mr Brayley's Wee Aggie, 3 yrs, 9st 13lb ..... Captain Holloway  
 Mr Brayley's Pear Diver, 4 yrs, 12st 6lb ..... Captain Barter  
 Mr Portier's Mountain Doe, 4 yrs, 1st 3lb ..... Mr Collins  
 Botting: Even on Moose—2 to 1 agst Nebuchadnezzar. Wou by h

fourth: a bad third.

with 30 added: b

Mr J Ward's Spillike Klutz, 4 yrs, 1st. ... Falcione. Won  
Mr Harvey's Breeze, 4 yrs, 1st. ... Wagon Wheel.  
Went 2 1/2 agt Rappel, 5 to 2 agt Burgess, 3 to 1 agt Dancer,  
in center by eight lengths; two lengths between second and third; a neck  
between third and fourth.

The County Sweepstakes, 25 svs, added to a sweepstakes of 5 svs  
each; weight for age. Once round and a distance. 3 Parr  
1  
Mr T Parr's Moose, 4 yrs, 104 12lb ..... Mr Seibel  
Prince De Volokoff, 4 yrs, 97 12lb ..... Captain Horn  
Mr Cleyer's Eve Aggie, 3 yrs, 97 13 lb ..... Capt'n Burser  
Mr Brayley's Pear Diver, 4 yrs, 126 4lb ..... Cal' Collins  
Mr Porter's Mountain Doe, 4 yrs, 118 3lb .....  
Butting down on Moose—2 to 1 agt Nohandazeen. Won by  
half a  
length and third.  
... with 30 added; heads

Betting: Even on AYBONITE, 3 to 1 on third. The winner was not shot.  
 Vale. Won by five lengths; 3 to 1 on third. The winner was not shot.  
 The MILITARY STAKES was won in a cauter by Best Man (Owner), beating five others. Betting: 5 to 4 agst Best Man.

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**GREAT YARMOUTH RACES.**  
 This Norfolk gathering, though clashing with the York August Meeting, was much more fortunate in its selection of horses last year, when it was held at the latter end of September, than any preceding year, when it was held at the same season and when more than a dozen other meetings were held in the same week. The winners of the races, which were held in 1863 were much larger than those of 1862.

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## POULTRY AND PIGEONS.

## FORTHCOMING POULTRY SHOWS.

**PUDSEY.**—August 30. Sec. E. Hutton, Pudsey, near Leeds. Floral produce, Pigs, Poultry, and Pigeons. Entries close Aug. 27.  
**POCKLINGTON.**—Aug. 30. Sec. T. Grant. Entries close Aug. 27.  
**DEWNEY.**—Aug. 31. Sec. A. Aked.  
**DEANE AGRICULTURAL** (at Ramworth).—Aug. 31. Sec. J. Drysdale. Cattle, Horses, Produce, Poultry. Entries closed Aug. 20.  
**MANCHESTER AGRICULTURAL.**—Sept. 7, 8. Sec. J. B. Cutter. Entries close Sept. 10.  
**WESTWORTH.**—Sept. 20. Sec. J. Biram, Rotherham. Poultry. Entries close Sept. 10.  
**ISLINGTON AGRICULTURAL HALL.**—Oct. 1, 3, and 4. Sec. J. Douglas. Poultry, Pigeons, and Rabbits. Entries close Sept. 17.  
**WORCESTER.**—Oct. 12 and 13. Sec. Mr. J. Holland. Entries close Sept. 20.  
**SUNDERLAND AND NEWCASTLE SOCIETY.**—Nov. 1 to 3. Sec. G. R. Potts. Fancy Pigeons. Entries close Oct. 18.  
**HAMPSHIRE ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION.**—At Southampton, Nov. 23 to 24. Sec. P. Warren. British and Foreign Cage Birds. Entries close Nov. 10.  
**BIRMINGHAM.**—Nov. 28 to Dec. 1. Sec. J. B. Lythall. Stock, Implements, Roots, Poultry, and Pigeons. Entries close Nov. 1.  
**CORK.**—Jan. 3, 4. Sec. J. C. Perry.

## ISLINGTON POULTRY SHOW.

The proprietors of the Islington Agricultural Hall have fixed October 1st, 3rd, and 4th for the chicken show, and no time could be more appropriate, as it avoids the heat of summer and the extra cold of winter, and the show being for three days only, chickens will not suffer from over-confinement, and few, if any, leaders of poultry will at this period be without chickens fit to exhibit. Every breed of fowls appears to have been liberally dealt with, and we observe with pleasure classes for Light and Dark Brahmas. This show, being in London, will prevent vexatious delays by the non-delivery of birds in time to be judged, hitherto occasioned by their having to cross London from one railway station to the other. The Poultry Club, under whose auspices the show takes place, has selected three of the most successful breeders in the kingdom as judges.

## THE POULTRY CLUB.

The Poultry Club, under whose auspices the show at the Agricultural Hall will be held, consists of a very large number of the most influential and best known exhibitors, whose objects are to improve the breed of poultry, to advance the interests alike of exhibitors and shows, and to abolish certain features that prevent exhibitions being as successful as they might be did these features not exist. We append the rules of the club, as they at present stand, and also a list of the officers for the time, holding themselves perfectly free at any future time, to criticize any of its proceedings that we may think undesirable.

## THE POULTRY CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. The annual subscription to be half a guinea, payable in advance. No member shall be eligible to vote on any occasion whatever, or to participate in any of the advantages and privileges of the club until he shall have paid his annual subscription. All subscriptions shall become due on Dec. 1.
2. The stewards to be elected every year at a general meeting held at the time of the Birmingham show, to commence their duties on Dec. 1, and to remain in office twelve months.
3. Stewards to be eligible for re-election.
4. The management of the club to be vested in the stewards and honorary secretaries.
5. It is desirable, if possible, that all propositions be made in writing to the secretaries at least a fortnight before the general meetings, to enable them to inform the members of the nature of the proposition.
6. One of the secretaries to be treasurer.
7. That there be at least two annual general meetings of the club, one to be held at the time of the Birmingham show. The members to be informed of the meeting by circular or advertisement.
8. The stewards and honorary secretaries to meet as often as they think convenient.
9. All alterations of the rules of the club to be made only at general meetings.
10. The code of rules for the guidance of judges when made to be published.
11. Members to be expelled the club at a general meeting only.
12. The funds of the club to be disposed of by the stewards, as they shall direct.
13. Committees of judgment to be requested to place their shows under the rules of the club. The stewards to appoint judges when desired to do so. The judges to judge according to the rules drawn up for their guidance.
14. Any persons having a complaint against a judge or judges, or a glaring departure from the rules of the club are in force, shall lay the same before any stewards who may be present to investigate. The stewards to call upon the judge or judges for an explanation if they find on investigation that there is any sufficient cause for complaint.
15. All cases of unfair exhibiting—such as colouring, painting, plucking, trimming (except Game), showing adult birds as chickens, or where the rules of the show require *bona fide* ownership, showing borrowed birds—at shows where the rules of the club are in force, to be investigated by the stewards present, and, if proved, to be referred by them to the next meeting of the stewards. The stewards present at the meeting to deal with the case as they think proper.
- Hon. Secretaries—E. Tudman, Ash Grove, Whitechapel, Salop; J. Mann, Shawfold, Newcastle, near Manchester. Treasurer—E. Tudman. Stewards for 1864—H. D. Bayly, Thomas Strivell, H. Newton, J. W. Kelloway, T. H. Ashton, G. C. Atkins, G. C. Whitwell, S. H. Hyde, Richard Teebay, T. P. Wood, jun., J. Douglas, J. K. Fowler, W. Dolby, J. Dixon.

## DUBBING GAME COCKS.

As to the desirability of dubbing game cocks, no one who has ever kept these birds, can doubt for a moment the advantage of the plan. Game fowls will fight as long as they become master of the situation. In these combats an undubbed cock is at fearful disadvantage; his comb and gills offer an easy hold to his adversary's beak, and as a cock always

strikes where he holds, when once seized he is at the mercy of his foe. Even supposing that the bird is not killed, the loss of blood suffered by an undubbed cock is much greater than in one that has been trimmed.

Now for the operation. Cocks should not be dubbed till their combs have acquired a full size and development, which occurs about the same time that the birds get their perfect male plumage. The bird should be held by assistant, and as the comb offers a good hold, it should not be taken off until after the wattles are removed. These should be cut away with a pair of sharp scissors, the head being turned over and held by the comb. The cut should commence at the back, and come forward to the front of the head. During the operation, the wattle that is being cut off should not be pulled; if it is, a jagged, irregular cut results. But when the two are successively taken off as recommended, a narrow strip of skin is left along the centre of the under jaw; this strip it is most important to preserve. The bird should not be turned over, and the scissors placed at the back of the comb as close as possible to the head. They should then be closed and the comb cut away with one smooth, steady, cut towards the point of the beak. Less than two minutes in skilful hands will finish the operation, and the cock will instantly proceed to eat as if nothing had happened; in fact we have seen birds pick up and devour their own wattles immediately on being placed on the ground.

When the scars, left by the removal of the wattles, have fallen off, the deaf ears or ear-lobes, should be taken off, this should also be done with a single clean cut of the sharp scissors, great care being taken to include as much of the ear-lobe as possible, without injuring the orifice of the ears. If these operations have been skilfully performed, there will be but little trimming required afterwards, and as soon as the wounds are healed, the elegant-snake like head and neck of the animal are shown in their full beauty.



WILLIAM DUFTON, THE CELEBRATED BILLIARD PLAYER.

(From a Photograph by Mr. G. Newnham, Newcastle-street, Strand.)

**JACKAW** (*Corvus monedula*).—About three years ago one of my servants brought to me one of these birds, which she had caught in an upper bedroom. I at first thought it was one of those impudent rascals which, during the winter and breeding season, take possession of a venerable ivy-covered church-steeples opposite my house, and which, with the most persevering pertinacity, make diurnal pilfering raids and carry off a large proportion of the food intended for my other birds. His wing, however, I found, had been partially cut; and so it was cut more, and he was turned down in the garden, where he has been ever since, perfectly happy and contented, except when he is bullied by the big Magpie. Jack is sufficiently tame to take food, when it is such as he likes, out of the hands of those members of my household who have not at any time been engaged in the bi-annual catching and wing-cutting necessity. With these, myself included, he declines to become too familiar. Jack is, however, a very successful plunderer. It is well-known that magpies bury their food, and it is quite amusing to see Jack quietly noting down in his mental diary each locality occupied by the buried food, and when all is quiet and the Magpie's attention otherwise engaged, to see him come out of his hiding-place and appropriate the food to his own particular use. He shows great sagacity, too, in selecting supplies. I saw him one day busily catching bees off some mignonette in the garden, and I also observed that he placed each bee under one his feet and only devoured a portion of the body. Upon examining the remains, I found them to be the abdominal extremities which contained the stings. Was this knowledge the result of experience, or was it the inherited faculty of distinguishing between harmless and injurious food? I am inclined to the latter opinion. At all events, I will not be tempted to add anything to the thousand-and-one theories which metaphysicians indulge in about the totally distinct faculties of instinct and reason. And yet this tearing off the sting of the bee by the jackdaw is a very curious fact. It implies

a knowledge that a certain part of the insect's body contains that which it would be injurious to swallow, and the knowledge that by nipping off the last abdominal segment the poison-bag and its sting would be removed. Will apianians inform us if sparrows and other bee-eating birds do likewise?—Dr. Bree.

**BREEDING OF GOLDFINCHES IN CONFINEMENT.**—Believing it to be of rare occurrence for the goldfinch to breed in confinement, I have the pleasure of informing you that I have at the present time a brood of the young birds, four weeks old, which were bred in an aviary fitted small one, 12ft by 7ft, attached to my bedroom window. Early in May I turned in a hen canary with a view of getting a cross-breed from the St. Helena finch, for which purpose I put in two common nest-boxes, and was pleased to see the pair of goldfinches take possession of one; and commence building. The only material they had was cotton wool; and with this they made a very pretty nest, and duly hatched and reared the brood. During incubation, the male bird was most attentive to his mate, feeding and guarding her from the other birds, of which there were about twenty, nearly all males, with the exception of one hen bullfinch, who also, on being supplied with proper building material, went to nest, and hatched her brood, but, for the want of a good ground for their nest it gave way, and the young birds perished.—W. PRIOR (4, Tranquil Vale, Blackheath).

**COMMON RABBIT NEAR BIRMINGHAM.**—On the 2nd inst. a large black-looking bird was discovered amongst the swans on the mill pool at Tetford Hall Green, near Birmingham, the swans objecting to associate with the stranger. Mr. J. Hill having been informed of the discovery, soon brought the bird to grief with a shot from his gun. Upon examination it was found to be the common *(Phalaropus carbo)*, a bird not often met with in that locality. It measures five feet across the wings, and is of a rich greenish bronze plumage. The bird has been taken to a local taxidermist for preservation.—H. H. (Birmingham).

**A FLAW IN THE INDUSTRY.**—At the Sunderland Sessions three boys were charged with stealing a number of eggs from the premises of E. Arnold, of Carley-hill. The eggs had been sent up, and were stolen three weeks ago, and when they found out to cover the thieves with stolen articles they disavowed the theft. The eggs were no longer eggs but young ducks! The charge could not be sustained, and therefore, before the magistrates, and the young poultry-fanciers were discharged. It appeared that the eggs had been slightly "chipped" when stolen, and the boys by putting them into an oven completed the hatching and produced a healthy young brood. The ducklings were produced in court, and the case caused considerable amusement.—*Newcastle Chronicle*.

## ARCHERY.

**SCOTTISH NATIONAL ARCHERY MEETING.**—This meeting is finally fixed to take place at Lividians Park, Stirling, on Thursday, the first of September, under distinguished patronage. Target entries are expected to be numerous, including several distinguished shots from England; and intimation should be made immediately to the honorary secretary in Edinburgh of shooters intending to be present.

**SCOTCH ARCHERS AND THE PRINCE OF WALES.**—It is intended to present a banner by the Society of the Ancient Archers of Kilwinning to the Prince of Wales on his having accepted the office of patron (which the Prince Consort also held). The banner is exquisitely got up, and reflects the greatest credit on all concerned. It is in shape the same as worn by the archers while shooting at pinto, and the inside is lined with white satin, and in the centre the Prince of Wales's coat of arms is beautifully embroidered, and below the words "Ich Dien, 1483"—the date when the society was originated.—*Daily Review*.

**THE CATFISH MOORS.**—The prospects of the season 1864 are extremely good, better than they have been for many years back. The few days of severe weather in the early part of the season do not seem to have injured the young broods in the least, and the approaching season gives promise of being in every way satisfactory, the birds being both strong and numerous, and no appearance of disease.

**BUDDHIST REMAINS.**—A very interesting collection of ancient Buddhist remains, discovered by Mr. E. Harris at Sultangunge, on the Ganges, while engaged in some engineering operations, has just arrived in England. Among the objects of interest (supposed to be a Vihar, or Buddhist monastery) is a colossal image of copper, 7ft 6in in height, and supposed to be upwards of 2,000 years old. There are also several smaller figures, both in stone and in copper, the letters on some of which show that they must have belonged to the second or third century of our era, a copper vase, the metal of which has quite decayed, some baked clay slabs thickly covered with writing, &c. The collection is at present placed in the museum of the Royal Asiatic Society, where plans and sections of the excavations have also been deposited.

## THE SHOOTING SEASON.

Game within the radius of the home circuit is, upon the whole, unusually plentiful. Of partridges there are an abundance, the growth of young weather has been very favourable in promoting the growth of young birds, which are now strong on the wing, and when flushed rise up the fair. The broods vary from 10 to 18 in number; but the average of coveys is seven brace, and there are but few of the latter. There are many coveys of red legs (the harvest has commenced) and the over corn lands this year. When the harvest has commenced, the partridges are feeding on the shed grain, reports are not so promising. The home-hatched birds have met a similar fate by scores, and the young birds in pleasant covers have died a similar fate. Many have suffered from an average in number of size; they are unusually small, and do not feather well, but a month's game later than the doomsday of partridges is allowed to themselves in rain, they yet make up by the 1st of October, and present themselves in full form to sportsmen. Hares are plentiful; leverets were dropped in great numbers, and are well grown, and rabbit warrens are swarming with them. No game is to be seen in the autumn of the year, and picking up here as "essentials," and from the present aspect of the coming year, the skilful sportsman may fairly anticipate making "the best" of the weather, and it requires a very keen-nosed pointer to find the best, and many really good dogs are too hastily condemned.









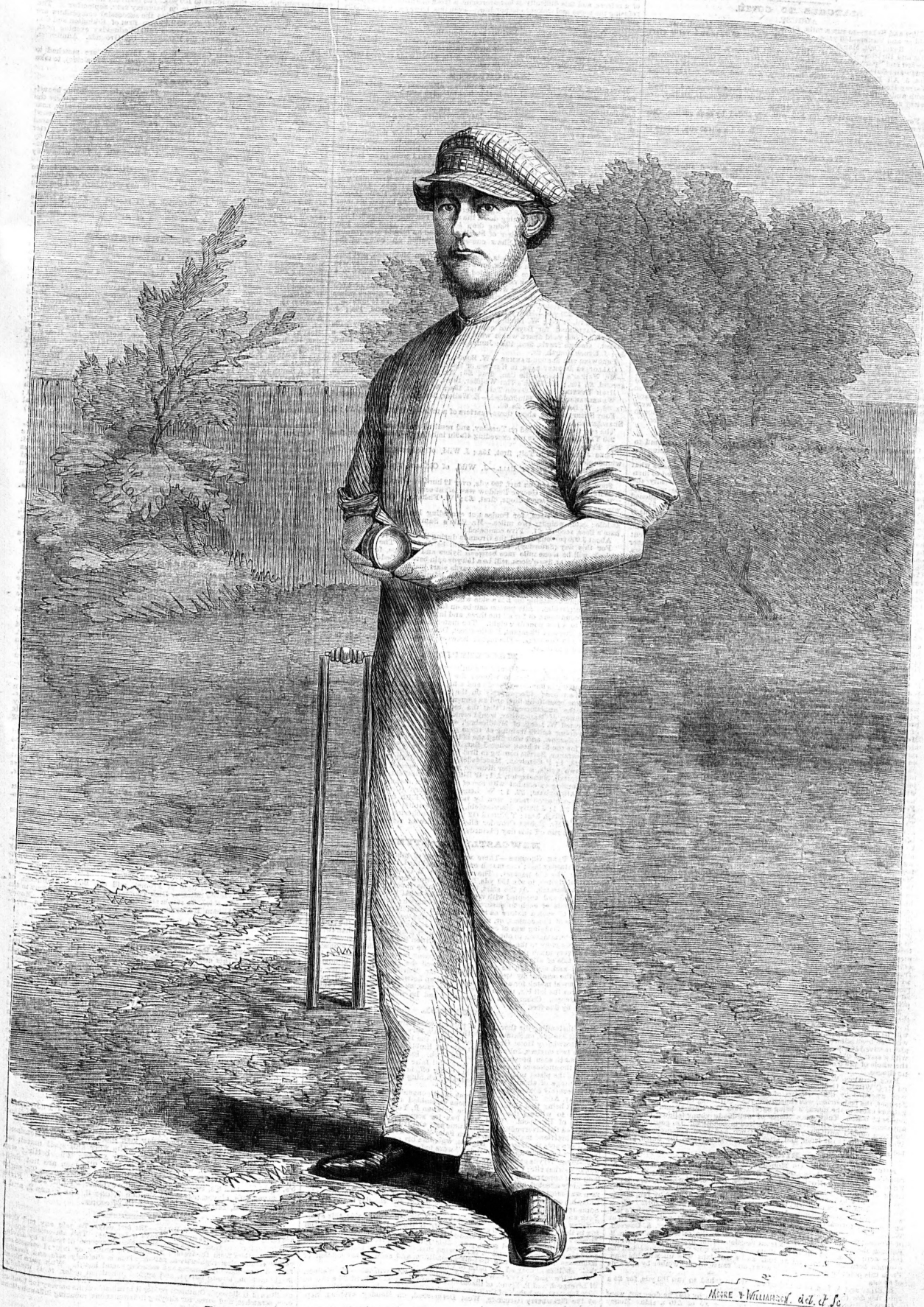
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The Late MR. F. ROBSON, the ACTOR.

(From a Photograph by Messrs. HEATH and BRAU, 283, Regent-street, West.)





**JAMES GRUNDY, the NOTTINGHAM CRICKETER.**

(From a Photograph by Messrs. McLEAN and HARR, Haymarket.)





**IVITIES AT HERRN BAY.**—The inhabitants of this place, on May last, commemorated the passing of the Act Incorporating the Bay, Hampton, and Recluser Oyster Fishery Company. The programme included all sorts of amusements—boat races, a duck hunt, jumping, jumping in sacks, climbing, donkey races, &c. Everything went off most satisfactorily, notwithstanding the wet weather.







## PROVINCIAL

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

**HAMPFORD'S MUSIC HALL.**—This hall has received another addition in the person of Mr. Ted Saunders, comic vocalist. In several years since this gentleman professionally visited Newcastle but it is evident that his absence has not impaired his abilities, a better reception on Monday last need not be desired, he sat

proof than his reception on Monday last. He was received with a cheering and amusingly and performed grandly, and he respected the approbation of the audience. Messrs. Wright and Picard, male and female impersonators, continue as successful as before, and are nightly enough to this week we can do little better than endorse our former notes on the addition, if such a thing is called an addition, that they are unmistakably the cleverest couple of the kind ever beheld in the district if not the province. The Fanny Blacks are unusually funny, they are good dancers and do all that is necessary to command success; as the Brooks sings as charmingly as ever, and Mr. Tom Handford, if possible, performs his *mezzetto* with more telling effect nightly.

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HOLDER'S COCKNEY HALL, COLESHILL-STREET, is at present attracting a large share of public patronage, by the "Gathering of Clans," a gorgeous and warlike spectacle, involuntarily transferring the captive imagination to the romantic times so vividly portrayed in immortal Waverley; added to which the vocal and instrumental departments are just now complete and varied.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**—Miss Marriott, at this theatre, has sustained in her favourite characters of the Royalist's Wife, Peg Sington in "Masks and Faces," and Bianca in "Fazio." Mr. Chanceman has been taking the lead during the week in the "Coronation Ball."

Weston's MUSEUM CONCERT HALL—Miss Emily Saunders succeeded in winning the favours of the audience here, having a *repertoire* of serio-comic songs, which she sings in a very pleasing manner. The Dwight Family, or Maryland Minstrels, are also here welcomed each evening. Business at this hall continues exceedingly good.

LIVERPOOL.  
ROYAL AMPHITHEATRE.—On Monday, Miss Kate Terry, one of the greatest actresses of the age, and her husband, Mr. Henry Terry, began an engagement here in the drama of "The Monastery of St. Just," in which she impersonates two different characters. Miss Terry, we may say, did her two characters to perfection. The play is a very fine one, and the audience was very large.

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stone took a benefit, the pieces selected being "Busy Body," "The Friend Waggles," and "A Kiss in the Dark." In the course of the evening the *beneficiaire* addressed the audience, by which she was most warmly received, and thanked them for the

he was most warmly received, and that the patronage the Haymarket Company had received during the visit. Last Saturday night the talented company concluded the engagement with the "Twelfth Night," and "Box and Cox."

Crystal Palace.—This theatre has been re-opened for the

with a new and tolerably-good company. The ALHAMBRA MUSIC HALL has been remarkably well patronized during the week, the great attraction being Professor Silvestro's Fountain and his Shadow Pantomime.

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THE ADELPHI bill has not varied this week. The revived drama "Masks and Faces" with the two farces of "My Wife's Maid"

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The PRINCESS's has evidently secured a strong hold of the

with Mr. Diou Boucaucial's stirring dramas of "The Streets of London," which has been placed on the stage as the portion of the season, and is efficient and successful in every member of the company.

"OLYMPIA"—"The Ticket of Leave Man," and "Masaniello," continue the staple commodities here, but on Tuesday there was a slight change in the performance for the benefit of Mrs. Atkins, who presented theatrical exercises, which were well received by the audience.

"THEATRAUX" has added to the popular drama, "The Octoroon," new pieces called "The Lost Inheritance," which with one of our Conquest's lively ballets, produces a very good bill in the estimation of its patrons.

"THE PATRISSIANIA" is flourishing with an effective drama, "The Old Swiss Church," and Mr. Stead, the Perfect Curator, Mr. G. W. Jester, with the talking hand, effectively call attention to it.

"THE EFFINGHAM" entertains the East-enders with "The Lyons and the dramas of 'The Man in the Iron Mask,' 'Belphégor,' Mr. Henry Loydall sustaining the hero in 'The Two Orphans'—the latter play being put on for a few days more."

"THE VICTORIA" are preparing to give a grand concert, as well as a display for the winter campaign on Saturday. We might have expected to see some of the flowers of the season, as we well deserve Spring of its flowers, as Surrey of its favourite vases.

"CASTLE PALACE."—The great event at this favourite place during the present week will be the appearance of Madame Denon, who will sing and recite. The day was most unpropitious, tormented by rain, and the evening was so dark that the ladies were descending on the morning of the gathering, but though it did not prevent the attendance of the public, yet it was estimated that thousands from visiting who would have been there had it not been for the weather.

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7 little of the company were severely tested to provide for s

capacities of the hall, and thousands congregated at one time within the building. The  
4 thousands lack of entertainments, and every one seemed  
3 satisfied. To accommodate the many thousands of visitors who  
4 purchased tickets, but who were unable to make use of them  
13 day of the *fête*, we are very happy to state that the  
Crystal Palace, and the Crystal Palace of the London  
District of the Association of Foresters, and the Brighton  
1 Convention, have concurred in allowing Foresters tickets for  
2 to be available on Monday next, the 29th inst., on which day the  
3 London Gymnastic Society, the French excursion, Mr.  
1 balloon ascent, and other entertainments, will take place. The  
2 season.

Total..... 78 Total.....

SUSSEX COUNTY CRICKET CLUB.—The expenses exceeding managing and carrying out a cricket contest cannot be well realized, the uninitiated, and we moreover regret that this want of professional help has reduced this county club to its present position. The cost of a single match—viz., the Sussex and Hampshire game—Sussex in £100 at a time when but a solitary 100 shillings star the bankers. This crisis does not affect the crickoning season as such, since the contests arranged must be paid for, but as in the next season's campaign, there will be a pecuniary unburden and we trust that all who admire manly exercise will boldly help bearing hands, and that the committee will be well rewarded for their labors.

Palace, up to the end of July, has had more visitors than in any preceding year, not excepting the Great Exhibition of 1862. But the great fete of the season will shortly be held, in benefit of Mr. Nelson Lee, the noted caterer of public amusement, on which occasion all the theatrical and musical luminaries will be visible. Extraordinary attractions are in course of preparation, the admission to the whole will only be one shilling.

**ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S GARDENS.**—By command of His Majesty these gardens will be open freely to the public this day, the anniversary of the birthday of his late Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Albert. Among the attractions for this occasion we may mention the Conservatory, Orchard Houses, the Arcades and Maze.

opened, the Cascades and Minton's Fountains will play; and will be stationed in the gardens to perform at intervals during the day.

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